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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PINT, SU
SUBJECT: BOEING INVESTIGATION

REF: 77 KHARTOUM 4193 AND PREVIOUS

1. DCM DISCUSSED SUDANGOV BOEING INVESTIGATION WITH PROSECUTOR GENERAL OMER AL-MARDI APRIL 17. MARDI SAID INVESTIGATION HAS NOW BEEN COMPLETED AND IS READY FOR REVIEW BY ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO MOST PROBABLY WILL PASS IT TO COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THAT BODY WILL DECIDE WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN UNDER SUDAN'S UNLAWFUL ENRICHMENT ACT. APPARENTLY THEY HAVE OPTION OF INITIATING CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS OR NONE AT ALL.

2. IN CONFIDENCE MARDI SAID INVESTIGATION REVEALED NO RPT NO WRONGDOING BY ANY SUDANESE OFFICIAL. SIMILARLY, NO RPT NO AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED. HOWEVER, THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS ACTING ON BEHALF OF BOEING HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED. SO ALSO HAS BOEING'S SUDANESE AGENT SIR ABBAS. APPARENTLY THREE SUDANESE CITIZENS INVOLVED, INCLUDING FORMER SUDAN AIRWAYS CHAIRMAN ABD AL-BAQI MOHAMED ABDEL BAQI HAVE DIED SINCE EVENTS BEING INVESTIGATED TOOK PLACE. IN GENERAL, MARDI SAID INFO PROVIDED BY DOJ HAS CORROBORATED
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INFO AVAILABLE TO SUDANGOV THROUGH ITS OWN STATE SECURITY OFFICE.

3. MARDI RAISED MATTER OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE. HE SAID AT ONE POINT SUDANGOV WOULD HAVE TO ANNOUNCE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATION. IT COULD NOT CHARGE ITS OWN CITIZENS WITH WRONGDOING WITHOUT EXPLAINING EVIDENCE BEHIND ACCUSATIONS.

HE ASKED WHETHER DOJ COULD PREVENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION AT LEAST REGARDING SUDANESE CITIZENS. HE PROMISED PROVIDE DCM WITH SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION FINDINGS WHEN IT AVAILABLE IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE AT SOUTHWEST LEGAL FOUNDATION IN DALLAS FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM MAY 28 AND IF DOJ WISHES HE COULD BE AVAILABLE TO BRIEF U.S. OFFICIALS ON RESULTS OF SUDANGOV BOEING INVESTIGATION. FINALLY, MARDI SHOWED DCM LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 2, 1977 FROM CRIMINAL DIVISION CHIEF CIVILETTI TO SUDANESE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AND REMINDED HIM THAT SUDANGOV WANTS ALL CORRESPONDENCE ON INVESTIGATION TO GO VIA U.S. EMBASSY KHARTOUM AND NOT RPT NOT VIA OTHER CHANNELS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE WE CAN PASS ON TO MARDI RE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE HERE BY SUDANGOV OF RESULTS ITS INVESTIGATION AND RE POSSIBLE MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON IN MAY 25-28 PERIOD.
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